

LipService go off the rails in

Strangers on a Train Set

Wednesday 11 – Saturday 14 September 2019

A LipService production

By Maggie Fox and Sue Ryding

Directed by Lawrence Till

Designed by Michael Holt

Composed by Oliver Vibrans

Comedy duo LipService return to Oldham this September with their brand new show ***Strangers on a Train Set*** – a murder mystery set on a model railway with references to train related dramas including *Brief Encounter* and *Murder on the 4.50 from Paddington*.

Challenging a youth to turn down his music, Irene Sparrow, inventor of the left-handed crochet hook finds herself under suspicion of murder after the train emerges from a tunnel with the young man dead. But this is no ordinary train, each passenger is reading a book, each book is a portal into a parallel universe of train related crime fiction.

With clever mixture of live action on stage, projected sequences and model train sets, LipService give you a whistle stop tour of train related crime fiction that will leave you breathless and racing for the refreshment coach.

So don't blow your stack, this show is just the ticket to help you let off steam and overuse many more railway metaphors. A show that appeals to crime aficionados and narrow gauge railway enthusiasts alike.

LipService are a multi award winning company specialising in literary spoofs, described as "*The Laurel and Hardy of literary deconstruction*" by The Independent. Maggie Fox and Sue Ryding have been writing and performing since 1985 – ***Strangers On A Train Set*** is their 21st production. As well as their work on the stage, they had their own series on Radio 4 – nominated for a **Writer's Guild Award** - and have twice won the **Critics' Award for Comedy** at the Edinburgh Festival.

LipService have toured nationally and internationally, with a reputation for their high quality and idiosyncratic comic take on popular culture. After 34 years, LipService remain fresh and vibrant.

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Notes to Editor:

Strangers on a Train Set runs from Wednesday 11 – Saturday 14 September 2019 at Oldham Coliseum Theatre.

Tickets can be booked on 0161 624 2829 or at www.coliseum.org.uk

Link to production page: <http://www.coliseum.org.uk/plays/strangers-on-a-train-set/>

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Oldham Coliseum Theatre

Oldham Coliseum Theatre is a cultural and educational charity that works with over 150,000 individuals per year.

The Coliseum has a rich history in Greater Manchester dating back to 1885. It provides a wide variety of distinctive theatre performances and participatory activities for people from all communities in Oldham, Greater Manchester and beyond. It creates original productions which are presented at the Coliseum and on tour. Intrinsic to the town's on-going regeneration, the theatre works with its local communities and young people to develop creative programmes to facilitate learning, engagement and community cohesion.